

E. fluviatile intermedium A. A. Eaton in Gilbert, List N. Am. Pterid. 8, 26 (1901) appears, from the scanty material at hand, to be only stunted f. *verticillatum*.

4. Forma POLYSTACHIUM (Brückn.) Doell, Fl. Baden, 65 (1857), where wrongly ascribed to Lejeune, Fl. Spa. ii. 274 (1813). *E. polystachium* Brückn. Fl. Neobrand. Prod. 63 (1803). *E. limosum polystachion* Seringe in Vaucher, Monog. des Prêles, 44 (1822). *E. limosum*, β . *Candelabrum* Hook. Fl. Bor.-Am. ii. 269 (1840). *E. limosum*, γ . *polystachyum* A. Br. Am. Journ. Sci. xlvi. 86 (1844). *E. Heleocharis*, f. *polystachyum* Klinge, Arch. Naturf. Soc. Dorpat, ser. 2, viii. 411 (1882). *E. Heleocharis*, *A. fluviatile*, f. *polystachyum* Aschers. & Graebn. Syn. Mitteleur. Fl. 136 (1896). *E. fluviatile*, var. *polystachyum* A. A. Eaton, Fern Bull. x. 74 (1902). *E. limosum*, f. *fluviatilis*, subf. *polystachya* Dalla Torre & Sarntheim, Fl. Tirol, 74 (1906).—Specimens have been seen from Nova Scotia, Maine and Michigan: there are reports from Manitoba (β . *Candelabrum* Hook.), Oregon (Am. Fern Journ. ix. 104) and Washington (Fern Bull. x. 74).

GRAY HERBARIUM.

HERBARIUM OF REV. W. P. ALCOTT.—On a recent visit to the Peabody Academy of Sciences in Salem I was much pleased to find there the entire herbarium of the late Rev. W. P. Alcott. This is a recent acquisition which is of great value. Mr. Alcott built up a general American collection of a few hundred sheets by collecting and exchange, and he had several other smaller collections from different parts of the world.

Most interesting of all to the local student is Mr. Alcott's collection of wool-waste plants, which he made during his pastorate at North Chelmsford, Massachusetts. There are many references to these plants in Dame & Collins's Flora of Middlesex County (1888). Now that this collection is accessible, practically all the citations in this Flora can be traced to actual specimens. Dr. C. W. Swan's herbarium at Yale University includes many of these Middlesex plants, and the others are in the Gray Herbarium or in that of the New England Botanical Club.—CLARENCE H. KNOWLTON, Hingham, Massachusetts.